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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of : Robert LOHR and Laurent VERDIER
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AND WHICH IS SELF-GUIDED

Group Art Unit : 2836
Examiner : Dharti Haridas Patel
Docket : METPAT P76AUS

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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF
TIMELY FILED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

Upon reviewing this application, it has come to the attention of the undersigned that all of the prior art, which was timely and properly made of record in this case, has apparently not been substantively considered by the Examiner. Specifically, the Applicant prepared and timely filed an Information Disclosure Statement, along with PTO/SB/08a/08b and copies of the necessary citations (a copy of the returned postcard, the previously submitted Statement and PTO/SB/08A/08b is attached along with a further copy of AT 409 248 B and International Search Report), under a May 6, 2005 Certificate of Express Mailing Date. The Examiner apparently did not consider AT 409 248 B—this reference was merely crossed off the returned copy of PTO/SB/08a/08b.

As all of the necessary requirements of 37 CFR 1.98 were timely complied with, namely, (1) a list of all patents, publications, applications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, (2) a legible copy of each foreign patent; and (3) a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in §§ 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent, publication, or other information listed that is not in the English language (see the International Search

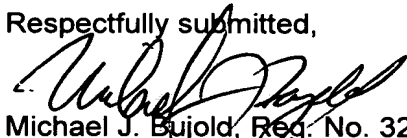
Report) were provided, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner consider the AT 409 248 B reference at this time.

It is submitted that the allowed claims are distinguishable over all of the prior art of record, including the AT 409 248 B reference which was apparently not previously considered. However, in the event that the Examiner believes further prosecution of this application is warranted in view of this newly considered art, the Examiner is invited to withdraw this case from issue and provide the Applicant with a further action on the merits.

As all of this prior art was previously made of record in this case in a timely manner, it is respectfully submitted that Petition and/or an official fee is **not** necessary and the Examiner is required to substantively consider the same at this time. If any further action on the part of the Applicant is required in order for the Examiner to substantively consider this art, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney immediately.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,



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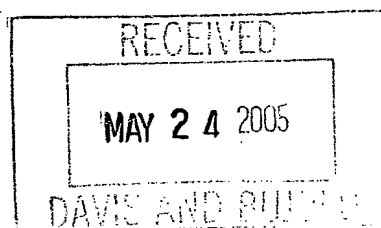
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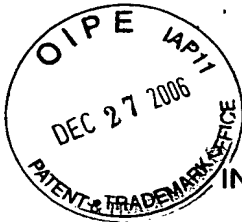
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In connection with this matter, the Applicant hereby attaches United States Patent Office Form PTO/SB/08a and copies of the information listed in the enclosed PTO/SB/08a form, unless otherwise indicated on such Form.

The concise explanation, concerning the now submitted foreign language documents, is found on the submitted International Search Report (see MPEP § 609).

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